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Identical letters dated 10 June 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit the annexed statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia on 6 June 2009 (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 13, and of the Security Council.

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

On 6 June 2009, in an interview given to the Russian radio station "Ekho Moskvi", the Major General of the Russian Army, V. Borisov, precisely the person who spearheaded the Russian occupant troops that entered Georgia in the Tskhinvali Region, the troops that bombed the peaceful population and with no mercy were destroying the Georgian infrastructure, by the hands of whom ethnic cleansing was being committed, made a statement about the circumstances in which the military actions began in Georgia in August 2008.

If anyone still retains doubts about what really happened in August 2008, we advise them to refer to the information given in the above-mentioned interview:

> "... General Shamanov was in command of the groupings in Abkhaz direction and I was in charge of South Ossetian and Georgian directions. You see, we hold regular training in those regions, our troops have received full practical experience, we conducted training in those areas, precisely there, one week before, and had just left, which is why we did a much better job in carrying out the march to Tskhinvali than did the central and regional troops. For us, this did not entail any sort of difficulty, we dealt with certain other tasks in a much better way and this was noted by the leadership of the armed forces, the Chief of the General Staff, the Defence Minister ..."

We strongly advise those who still have doubts about who inspired and brought into action the military aggression against Georgia last August to refer to the above-mentioned part of the interview of the Russian Major General: http://www.echo.msk.ru/programs/voensovet/596473-echo/.

We are hopeful that this additional confessional statement made by yet another Russian aggressor will aid the international commissions (community) in coming to adequate conclusions for finding the truth about the 18-year undeclared war carried out by Russia against Georgia, the last episode of which took place on 7 August 2008.

6 June 2009